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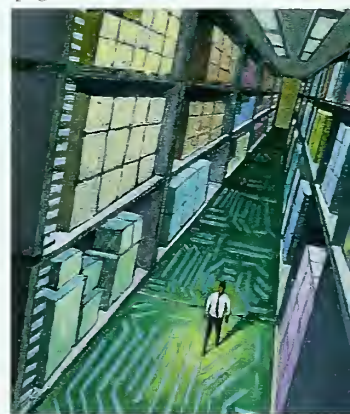
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New Library Director Named

Marian Parker brings impressive academic law library credentials to post

Marian F. Parker (JD '78) returns to the Wake Forest School of Law August 1 as the director of the Professional Center Library and professor of law. She replaces Thomas M. Steele, who has resigned from the position to become a full-time professor in the law school.

Parker, who lives in Greensboro, has had significant experience in academic law libraries, including at Harvard and New York universities, and in legal research and technology. She says she is excited about returning to her alma mater and that it feels like the appropriate place for her after a career spent in several different states.

When Dean Robert K. Walsh offered the job to her this spring, Parker recalls him saying, "We all want you to come home to us."



"I feel so honored that they asked me to do this," Parker says. "The education I have gotten has obviously stood me in very good stead in my career, and now I'm looking forward to helping others in their education."

After graduating from Wake Forest, Parker was a research librarian and instructor at Duke University School of Law Library while she worked on a master's degree in library science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She received her master's in 1979 and continued working at Duke for about 18 months. Then she moved north to work as associate director for public services and assistant professor of law at the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law from 1980 to 1983.

She has been director of the law library and professor of law at New York University School of Law, associate law librarian for research services at Harvard Law School, and director of the law library and assistant professor of law at the University of Tulsa College of Law.

Since March 1996, Parker has been director of professional relations for Lexis-Nexis/Matthew Bender & Co., Inc., based in New York City. She works with law schools, developing programs and networking with legal professionals, and currently is on assignment to Lexis-Nexis as acting senior director of law schools and courts. During that special assignment, she has developed a strategic plan and managed the marketing program. She worked for Mead Data Central (now Lexis-Nexis) as manager of legal quality and competitive analysis manager, from 1986 to 1990.

Parker, who has been a member of the American Association of Law Libraries since 1978, says she learned about Steele's job coming open from Steele. "I have been friends and colleagues with Tom Steele basically as long as I have been a law librarian," she says. She told Steele several years ago that if he ever decided to leave his position, to let her know. He did, but Parker says she was so busy at the time that she didn't immediately read any of the information he sent her about the position. He called her up one day and asked her if she had decided against applying. She immediately sent her resume by fax and followed it up later with a more formal application.

Steele says that Parker will be an asset to the Professional Center.

'She will be especially valuable in the coming years of transitions to the electronic world.'

"Marian Parker brings to this position an in-depth knowledge of both the library and the legal information publishing and electronic services fields," Steele says. "She will be especially valuable to the law school, its students and faculty, in the coming years of transition from a traditional to an electronic world of electronic data transmission, analysis, and expression."

Parker says she became interested in law library work while a student at Wake Forest School of Law. Three of her professors, Charlie Rose, Ken Zick, and Jim Bond, were responsible for piquing her interest. When they introduced her to legal research and writing, she absolutely loved it.

She says she will get settled in to her new position before making any decisions on how the library should operate. "My plan is always to come to a place and get to know it from the inside and not make predetermined decisions," Parker says. Her goal is to make her libraries very user-focused and accessible. She says she will teach classes in the future, but not this fall because of the timing of her hiring.

Walsh says that Parker has the ability and knowledge to get information in whatever format students and professors need it, especially electronically, and that her background couldn't have been stronger. The law library at Harvard, where she was second-in-command, is believed to be the second largest legal library in the world behind the U.S. Library of Congress, he says, and her other experience also was impressive. Additionally, as a former student she knows the Wake Forest law school and the importance it places on teaching.

"She knows the values of the institution," Walsh says. ☞

Faculty Notes

CAROL ANDERSON has been nominated as President-Elect of the Forsyth County Bar Association for the 1999-2000 term.

Professors LUELLEN CURRY and MIKI FELSENBURG made a joint presentation on institutional racism and its relationship to employment law issues at the North Carolina/South Carolina Annual Labor and Employment Law meeting.

MICHAEL CURTIS presented a paper on "The Peoples' Darling Privilege" (Free Speech History) at the second annual conference of the Working Group on Law, Culture and the Humanities at the law school in March.

TIM DAVIS presented several papers at conferences around the country this spring, including "Intercollegiate Athletics in the Next Millennium: A Framework for Evaluating Reform Proposals" at a symposium sponsored by the Association of American Law Schools and the National Sports Law Institute; "Teaching Sports and the Law: The Relevance of Race" at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools; and "Racism in Athletics: Subtle Yet Persistent", at a symposium sponsored by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Review. All three papers will be published this summer. Professor Davis is currently serving as the chair of the Law and Sports Section of the Association of American Law Schools.

MIKI FELSENBURG is serving as the chair of the Winston-Salem Citizens Police Review Board.

MARK HALL has published a new edition of Health Care Law and Ethics in a Nutshell. He has also completed a study of laws restricting health insurers' use of genetic information.

PROFESSOR NICKLES NAMED TO IRS REVIEW BOARD

Professor Steve Nickles, C.C. Hope Chair of Financial Services and Law, has been nominated by President Bill Clinton to serve on the IRS citizens' oversight board mandated in the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998. The law created a nine-member board with the power to review agency operations to ensure taxpayers are treated properly. The panel will also oversee management of the agency, recommend future candidates to run the IRS, and advise the president when it feels an incumbent commissioner should be removed.

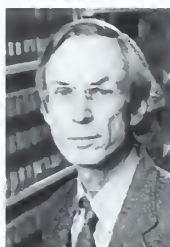
Three of the nine oversight board positions are permanent: the Treasury secretary (or deputy Treasury secretary), the IRS commissioner, and a representative of the National Treasury Employees Union. The remaining six citizen positions are submitted by President Clinton to the Senate for approval.

Professor Nickles has a joint appointment and teaches in the law school and in the Babcock Graduate School of Management. His specialties in law and his classes at the Wake Forest Law School include commercial law, payment systems, debtor-creditor law, and bankruptcy. In the Babcock School, he teaches management courses related to these subjects and also courses on ethics and economics.



DAVID LOGAN served as a member of the ABA's Site Inspection Team for Capital University School of Law earlier this year. Professor Logan also spoke with a visiting group of officials from Kyrgyzstan on the regulation of tobacco and tobacco-related liability issues in the United States, in conjunction with the United States Information Agency.

KATE MEWHINNEY has received a project grant of almost \$10,000 from Wake Forest University's Fund for Ethics and Leadership. Along with Professor Beverly Jones of the medical school, she will be developing training materials directed at the ethical challenges of dementia and memory loss. Mewhinney also will speak at the ABA's Annual Meeting in Atlanta on "Marginal Capacity Issues and Elderly Clients."



Curtis



Logan



Reynolds



Wright

JOEL NEWMAN's article, "Doctors, Lawyers and the Unabomber," has been published by the University of Montana Law Review. Professor Newman also testified on proposed rulemaking with respect to travel and tour activities of tax-exempt organizations before the Internal Revenue Service in February. He served as a consultant to the Governments of Armenia, Georgia, Macedonia, Uzbekistan and Ukraine on lawyers' codes of ethics, under the auspices of the ABA's Central and East European Law Initiative.

ALAN PALMITER is serving as the treasurer of the Council of the Business Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association. In the spring he spoke on "Recent Developments in Business Law" at a continuing legal education program of the North Carolina Bar Association in Pinehurst. His article, "Toward Disclosure Choice in Securities Offerings," recently appeared in the Columbia Business Law Review.

DEBBIE PARKER is currently serving as legal counsel for the Downtown Middle School, a charter public school in Winston-Salem.

WILSON PARKER spoke at the North Carolina Council of School Board Attorneys annual meeting on the topic of "Questioning Assumptions: Are There Limits to Federal Regulation of Special Education?"

MICHAEL PERRY'S essay "Liberal Democracy and Religious Morality" recently appeared in Volume 48 of the DePaul University Law Review. The article was the basis of the 1998 Annual Church/State Lecture at DePaul University. His essay "What Is 'The Constitution?'" is included in *Constitutionalism: Philosophical Foundations*, published by Cambridge University Press. Professor Perry presented a paper on "The Law Professor as Moral Philosopher" at the 1999 AALS annual meeting, and he also presented a paper entitled "Freedom of Religion in the United States: Fin de Siècle Sketches" at a symposium on religious liberty sponsored by the Indiana University/Bloomington School of Law. In April, Professor Perry delivered a lecture ("What Is 'Morality' Anyway?") in the 1999 Faith & Justice Lecture Series sponsored by the Georgetown University Law Center. In May, Professor Perry delivered the commencement address at, and received an honorary doctorate from, St. John's University, Minnesota. Also in May, Professor Perry was a featured speaker at a conference, "Political Thought After Liberalism," at Calvin College, Michigan.

MICHAEL PERRY and RICHARD SCHNEIDER hosted the second annual conference of the Working Group on Law, Culture and the Humanities at the law school in March. Over 75 scholars from around the world presented papers on a diverse range of topics.

SUZANNE REYNOLDS and GEORGE WALKER served on the drafting committee that wrote The North Carolina Family Law Arbitration Act: Proposed Legislation, Forms and Rules. The Act will be submitted for approval to the North Carolina General Assembly.

TOM ROBERTS has written "Nuts and Bolts of Municipal Law Practice" which appears as Chapter 1 in *Land Use Fundamentals*, published by the ABA.

RICHARD SCHNEIDER delivered a lecture series in May at the Institute of Business Studies in Moscow. He also delivered a public lecture at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary.

DAVID SHORES' article, "Reexamining Continuity of Shareholder Interest in Corporate Divisions," recently appeared in Volume 18 of the Virginia Tax Review.

JAMES TAYLOR is serving on the Board of Directors of the Center on Law, Ethics and National Security. He is also a permanent member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference.

GEORGE WALKER has been appointed to the International Law Association's Arms Control and Disarmament Committee. He has published "Anticipatory Self-Defense in the Charter Era: What the Treaties Have Said," in the *Cornell Journal of International Law*. The articles also appear as Chapter 15 in *The Law of Military Operations: Liber Amicorum* Professor Jack Grunawalt (Naval War College Internal Law Studies), Michael N. Schmitt, ed.

ROBERT K. WALSH has been appointed by Chief Justice Burley Mitchell to the North Carolina Supreme Court's Commission on Professionalism for a three-year term. Dean Walsh chaired an invitational conference for presidents, provosts, and deans of law schools in Chicago in late February and helped organize and make presentations at the ABA Seminar for New Law Deans at Graylyn Conference Center in early June.

RON WRIGHT'S article, "Three Strikes Legislation and Sentencing Commission Objectives," appeared in the October 1998 issue of *Law & Policy*.

- The law school was the regional host for the National Trial Competition. Twenty teams participated in this competition from Arkansas, South Carolina, Tennessee, and North Carolina. Two winners from this competition were selected to go to the finals in Texas. Both Wake Forest teams won the two positions from the Southeastern regional and went to the national competition in Texas. Out of the over 200 teams that started in the national competition, one of the Wake Forest teams went to the final four and the other made the elite eight.
- The law review held a panel discussion, "A Discussion and Debate of Recent Juvenile Justice Reform in North Carolina." The keynote speakers were Justice Willis Whichard of the Supreme Court of North Carolina and Marcia Morey, executive director of the Governor's Commission on Juvenile Crime and Justice.
- The Law Review Business Symposium was held at Graylyn on April 9. The topic was "Balancing the Equities: The Evolving Law of Sexual Harassment." The keynote speaker was Judge Susan Webber Wright, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, the trial judge in the Jones v. Clinton case.
- The second annual Law, Culture and the Humanities Conference was held at the law school with over 145 participants. This is an informal network of scholars meeting to discuss interdisciplinary, humanistically oriented legal scholarship.
- Rebecca Morgan, president of the National Association of Elder Law Attorneys, spoke on elder law at the law school.
- Juan Williams, the best-selling author of *Eyes on the Prize* and political analyst and national correspondent for The Washington Post, came to the law school to talk about his biography, *Thurgood Marshall: American Revolutionary*.
- The BLSA Scholarship Banquet was held at the Bridger Field House with Congressman Mel Watt as the speaker.
- Len Elmore--basketball player, agent, lawyer, ESPN commentator--spoke at the law school on "Changes in the Rules of Sports Bargaining: It's a New Ball Game."
- American Bar Association President Philip Anderson visited the law school for two days and met with faculty and students. He spoke about current national issues facing the legal profession. President Anderson indicated that this was the only visit to a law school he had scheduled during his ABA presidency.
- Professor Michael Gerhardt, a professor at the law school at William and Mary and CNN commentator, talked to students and faculty on "Impeachment: What Have We Learned."
- We had distinguished foreign visitors during the middle of April. Laura Forlati, professor and former dean from the University of Venice with her husband, Zeno, who is also a lawyer, visited for a week. Siobhan Mullally from the law faculty of the National University of Ireland in Cork, Ireland, was visiting and lectured on human rights.
- The IL Moot Court Competition has been renamed in honor of Professor George Walker. This year's competition was held on April 14 with six judges from the North Carolina Court of Appeals presiding--Chief Judge Sidney S. Eagles, Jr. and Judges Robert H. Edmunds, Jr., Joseph R. John, Sr., John C. Martin, Linda M. McGee, and Ralph A. Walker.
- Professor Mary Davis ('85) from the University of Kentucky College of Law was a visiting professor for the spring semester. She taught Torts and Remedies.



LAW SCHOOL IS HONORED BY PRESTIGIOUS ABA HARRISON TWEED AWARD

The Harrison Tweed Award is given by the American Bar Association for outstanding leadership in the promotion of free legal services to the poor. The Forsyth County Bar Association received this award on behalf of the Domestic Violence Advocacy Center (DVAC).

The Domestic Violence Advocacy Center was established as a collaborative effort between Wake Forest University School of Law through the guidance of Professor Suzanne Reynolds, the leadership of Chief Judge Bill Reingold (JD '83), the participation of the Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina, and law school student volunteers.

Chief Judge Reingold accepted the award at the ABA annual meeting in Toronto. Also, a recognition ceremony was held at the law school for students who helped to create this Center. ⚖️

THE LEGAL INFORMATION REVOLUTION REDUX

or

*hey, Daddy,
are we halfway there
yet?*

by Thomas M. Steele

Popular magazine articles and books today are filled with predictions of the demise of printed media and its replacement by digitized information. This past weekend I returned to my parent's house in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains to help my father through a medical crisis. I had the opportunity to flip through the piles of magazines from his collection in the attached storage building and discovered to my amazement what I had forgotten—that the popular literature of the eighties and early nineties contained similar articles on the information revolution. The usual date given for the complete death of print was “by the end of this century.” Today's prognosticating commentators are presciently proclaiming the advent of the millennium in information availability just as they did five, ten, even fifteen years ago. But now the advent of this millennial event has been variously set as 2003, 2005, or 2010; strangely enough 2000 and 2001 are no longer mentioned.

I was reminded of my retort to a colleague in Boston in the early eighties when she expressed sadness at the “passing of the book.” My response was that I couldn't wait until the heavy, unmanageable things were gone and would help light the fires to torch them as soon as the





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information they contained was all available in computer-accessible form. No more shelving, no more shifting, no more counting, no more calculating book space. Freedom from pocket-part insertion, looseleaf page filing, and paper supplementation. More space for students and users; more computers; no more need to plan huge, costly additions to libraries.

This spring while attending a program on planning new law school library buildings for the twenty-first century, I was amazed that the conference planner had devoted a large segment of the program to the future of the book and its implications for library architects and planners. The speakers spoke about the continued need to house increasing collections of hard-copy books and periodicals in the foreseeable future. When asked why there was such a need in a world that was rapidly digitalizing information, they gave a wide variety of answers—continued preference for hardcopy by older faculty, practitioners, and even students; artificial barriers to conversion such as copyright law; varied responses by publishers in response to a diverse legal buying audience; limitations of current technology; inadequate electronic search tools. In short, what we have wrought is not a simpler world where everything is available only in one format but a brave new world where there are a multitude of formats that will probably co-exist during a transition period that now looks to a farther horizon than five, ten, or even fifteen years.

Viewed from a historical perspective, this conclusion should not come as a great shock. After all, socioeconomic revolutions traditionally take longer to carry out than political or military ones. The transition to an information society and economy from a post-industrial, service-oriented economy probably will take a while, though probably not the century that the transition from an agricultural to an industrial economy took or the generation that the transition from an industrial to a service economy took. It takes time for people to learn a critical mass of the essential tools needed to survive and thrive. And we should remember that although we have moved through three or four socioeconomic revolutions since the industrial revolution, we still have farmers (though they live and work in vastly different ways than my great grandfather on his southern Oklahoma farm did right after the Land Rush of 1889).

What the "Information Revolution" has given us as lawyers is more choices in the availability of legal information and the access methodologies available to find relevant legal authority. All of that and more—the choice of price points; where we choose to be when we access it; and even what hardware we

employ to find, read, analyze, and synthesize legal information. It is important that we are conscious of our options and that we turn increased attention to analyzing our needs, making reasoned choices, and learning sophisticated research methodologies.

Unfortunately, until recently our experiences as legal researchers have not honed our skills at doing that kind of analysis when it came to selecting legal information. The first revolution in legal information occurred over several centuries as a result of the invention of the printing press and the reawakening of the Renaissance. That revolution brought law-giving from a process that was individualized, oral, and on demand to one that was relatively consistent, applied to all, and that was readily consulted in relatively cheap printed form. As a lawyer, you chose which printed form to buy by deciding which law printer you liked best or was most readable or was cheapest. By the late 1880s, however, other factors entered into that decision. These included choosing systems from West and Lawyers' Cooperative that provided better indexing, thorough organization, cross-referencing, and comprehensiveness. Still, after four centuries, a lawyer had only one choice of format—print (one could easily add another, microform, except that it provided no real alternative in terms of information availability, price, or accessibility). The other choices you had to make were various mixes of standard access tools—indexes, outlines, dictionaries, and citation systems. Price, familiarity with a particular publisher, comfort with use of a particular index, and other factors were the primary variables that were considered by attorneys in making legal information choices.

In 1973 another format appeared with its own unique access methodology. Mead Paper Company made the Ohio Bar Association's online database, Ohbar, available to lawyers commercially under the brand name of LEXIS. A lawyer leased a computer terminal (that took an entire pick-up truck to haul around!) from LEXIS. Access to relevant legal authority was available primarily by means of boolean research operators that used

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words and phrases, and their proximity to each other in written English. Using key-word-in-context (KWIC) research techniques instead of painstakingly constructed topical outlines and indexes, LEXIS required the searcher to rethink how she/he might find relevant legal authority. Search logic and search strategy were emphasized. West Publishing Company soon followed by adding full text cases and statutes to its digest topic and key number database, Westlaw.

By the late seventies lawyers had two major choices: print and computer databases. Since then legal publishers have modified and fine-tuned them so that now a North Carolina lawyer can choose between print (either from West or the state), remotely accessed databases (Westlaw and LEXIS or some customized version of either), CD-ROMs (from four different companies using different access software), and “free” websites accessible through the Internet. In the intervening twenty or so years, legal information has become ever more readily and conveniently available and cheaper. Choosing which product or mix of products to buy has become more complex. These choices require a higher level of knowledge about what and how information is available and about how information is actually used by each law firm. If legal information has become a commodity, it is one that requires the attorney or librarian to fight through the “brand” hype.

Each format has inherent limitations—especially involving finding relevant legal authority. Simply having information readily available is only part of what an attorney needs. For example, if court reports were not published in volumes that were then paginated, the opinions of the appellate courts in North Carolina would be found in five hundred thousand unorganized pages. Today, we have both the digest topic and key number system of West, boolean search methods like KWIC, and indexes from West and other publishers. Yet few of those law schools, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations that make court opinions, statutes, administrative regulations, et alia available on websites have cost-effective search software. This makes much of what is available on the Internet inconvenient and ineffectual from the standpoint of an attorney needing to find authority directly on-point. One can hardly rely exclusively upon such sources, as “free” as they may be, for all information needs.

So where does that leave all of us who currently purchase and use legal information now and what should we plan to do for the foreseeable future?

IT DEPENDS ENTIRELY UPON WHO YOU ARE:

- If you are a full-service law library serving a law school, a bar association, or a court, you have little choice but to buy virtually everything available in every format. Your users will demand it.
- If you are a solo practitioner or are in a small firm in general practice, you must decide which format suits you best. If your practice is in North Carolina alone, a North Carolina CD-ROM coupled with an updating service may provide all of your information needs, unless some members of your firm are computer illiterates. If you chose to tolerate that illiteracy instead of change it, then hard copy coupled with a CD-ROM might be a better choice.
- If you are in a firm specializing in a particular area or areas of practice, you may choose a specialized CD-ROM, a modified version of LEXIS, or Westlaw. A few hard-copy treatises or looseleaf service might provide for all of your needs.
- If you are in a large firm with a variety of specialties, Westlaw or LEXIS, with some specialized CD-ROMS and traditional looseleaf services, might suffice.

In short, each practice must make decisions about format and type of information on an individual basis.

What about the future? It is hard to predict, and if the futurists continue their dismal record of assigning dates, one with which we really shouldn't trouble ourselves. Instead, we should adopt a wholly different attitude about change, accepting it as inevitable, assuming that as things change you will also make changes. Use price, comfort, convenience, effectiveness, currentness, compatibility with current software, and other practice programs as the ways you test the mix of legal information available. Accept that buying legal information and the hardware and software necessary to access it is less a capital investment than an item to be paid continually as part of the current account. ☺

by Amy Andrews

A *Profession*

EVERYWHERE,
LAWYERS ARE SERVING
THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND
WAKE FOREST GRADUATES
ARE NO EXCEPTION.

Lawyers are in demand in the late twentieth century, and not just in courtrooms. In communities far and wide, they voluntarily draft legal documents for nonprofit agencies, serve on elected boards and commissions, and fill a variety of other leadership roles. Lawyers are called on for their analytical and organizational skills, their legal expertise, and their knowledge of the institutions and systems that make society work. And, fortunately for our communities, most of those lawyers willingly offer their assistance.

Graduates of Wake Forest University School of Law are no exception. Many of them recall their law professors' example and their admonishments to use their law-school-honed skills for society's betterment. Driven by the recognition that they have received much from their communities, they give in return a substantial part of their time and energy. Those featured here are but a sampling of the Wake Forest-grown lawyers who are leaders in their communities and profession.

of leadership



Turnage

Frederick E. Turnage (’58, JD ’61) longtime mayor of Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Fred Turnage was president of his senior class in high school and of his first-year class and student bar association at Wake Forest law school. But since 1973, he has occupied just one elected office: that of the Rocky Mount mayor.

Turnage, who started his own private practice in 1963, focusing on real estate, estate, and municipal law, once worked on the Rocky Mount city attorney’s staff and still does work for a few small towns around Rocky Mount.

In 1971, he was elected to the city council and a year later became mayor pro tem. He ran for and was elected as mayor in 1973 and has won reelection to the part-time position six times since then. “It’s just been kind of a little step-by-step progression,” he says.

Other than presiding over the twice-a-month city council meetings and serving as the ceremonial head of the city, he spends much of his time as mayor focusing on economic development, education, homelessness, and race relations. The city’s population is split equally along racial lines—50 percent black and 50 percent white—and what once was considered largely an agricultural community now is more diversified.

His law school training and experience, Turnage says, had a definite impact on his decision to run for elected office and to get involved in his native community. “(The late Wake Forest law school) Dean (Carroll) Weathers had a very strong ethic about public service and public involvement that he tried to instill in students,” Turnage says. The training he’s had in interpreting laws and resolving difficult issues in an orderly manner has been invaluable in carrying out his civic duties.

For example, he says, the city has condemned some land recently for public use, and he’s tried to act as a bridge between the government and residents. “Sometimes (my law training) enables me to translate those proceedings into more laymen’s terms and explain things to people who often get disgusted with government,” Turnage says.



Reingold

William B. Reingold (JD ’83), District Court Judge, Forsyth County

Judge William B. Reingold (JD ’83) says his involvement in the community developed not before or during law school, but after—as a prosecutor, judge, and now chief District Court judge in Forsyth County.

“Once I got out into the working world and saw what was needed, there were problems I wanted to attack,” he says. Reingold was instrumental in establishing the Domestic Violence Advocacy Center, which provides free legal assistance to battered victims. The center offers assistance from law students and attorneys to help victims go to court and get the protection they need. The center’s work has received several awards, including the American Bar Association’s prestigious Harrison Tweed Award in 1998 for outstanding leadership in pro bono legal services. That year Reingold himself received the Pro Bono Award from the N.C. Bar Association for his volunteer efforts with the Domestic Violence Advocacy Center. He was the first judge to ever receive the award.

Reingold, who in July will become the president of the Forsyth County Bar Association, also has been active in other community endeavors. He is president of the ARC (Association of Retarded Citizens) of Forsyth County, has been involved in Leadership Winston-Salem, and is a past member of the board of directors for the local YMCA. For the past three years, he’s spoken to every ninth grader in the county about determining what they want from life, setting goals for themselves, and realizing how certain acts could derail those plans. It’s involved getting up earlier in the morning or staying away from home later at night, he says, but it’s been worth it.

He says he’s impressed by how active many lawyers are, even though their careers take up a great deal of time. Members of the Forsyth County Bar, for example, have been active as overnight volunteers at a local homeless shelter, building houses for Habitat for Humanity, and organizing and promoting blood drives.

Reingold wants to see law students develop an interest in community activities and become involved in their communities while they’re still in school, and he says he’s recently been exploring ways to make that happen. An adjunct professor at the School of Law and a member of the school’s alumni council, Reingold has been discussing his ideas with a Wake Forest law professor and hopes to develop concrete ideas for students’ involvement within the next year.



Webster



O'Briant

"I think that it's important to give back to your community," he says. "I feel blessed in particular with all the things my profession has provided for me and the type of life it has allowed me to lead."

S. J. "Jack" Webster Jr. (JD '59), city attorney in Madison

Jack Webster is the continuation of a long tradition of Wake Forest School of Law alumni serving as the city attorney in Madison, a small town in northwestern Rockingham County.

But the tradition only includes two attorneys.

Junius C. Brown, a distinguished alumnus and benefactor of the law school, served as the city attorney in Madison from 1915 to 1967, and Webster has held the position since then. The mayor and board of aldermen one night called Webster, who had been filling in for Brown while he was sick, and told him that Brown had resigned and they wanted him as their new attorney.

"They told me it would probably pay the rent, and they overestimated," he says with a chuckle.

Webster, who after law school went to Korea to serve in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in the Air Force, is a native of Madison who is on the board of directors of Chinqua-Penn Plantation and is a past president of the Madison-Mayodan Rotary Club. He also is vice president of the Job Link Committee that has worked to establish the future Interstate 73 route through the Roanoke Valley basin in Virginia and the Piedmont Triad area of North Carolina. In his law practice, Webster & Cassidy, he specializes in civil law, primarily handling real estate, municipal and business matters.

He, too, spoke of the advice that Dean Weathers and other professors gave students in law school. "You will not become wealthy, but you will make a good living," he recalls hearing. "They impressed that an attorney has to become an active participant in the community," Webster says. "If you studied law at Wake Forest under those professors, you had an obligation to the law school to do something good."

Weathers, says Webster, was a Southern, Christian gentleman who "made you proud to be a lawyer" and stressed community leadership. "I think Wake Forest has been very fortunate to have some professors that continue that example," he says.

Lillian B. O'Briant (JD '79), District-Court judge for Randolph, Montgomery, and Moore counties in North Carolina

Community affairs were important to Lillian O'Briant long before she graduated from law school in 1979 — on her 40th birthday — or became a District-Court judge two years ago. "I think that you have a responsibility when you have an education," she says. "It's just part of being a good citizen."

But the skills that she honed in law school—responsible stewardship, analytical thinking and organizational process—have been useful in her work as lawyer, judge, and community leader. She has served on the foundation board for Randolph Hospital and on the boards of United Way and the Chamber of Commerce. She also has been active in professional associations, including as the president of the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys.

Gov. James B. Hunt appointed O'Briant in 1997 to a seat on the District-Court bench, and in 1998, she sought re-election as a Democrat in a heavily Republican district. O'Briant lost, but the state received 13 new district court judgeships that year, and Hunt appointed her to one in the same district that she had served in previously. She hardly missed a beat between terms, she says, because the four days that elapsed between the two terms, she was taking juvenile-certification training.

O'Briant, who majored in history at Guilford College in Greensboro and taught public school, considered attending paralegal school, a two-year commitment, before deciding to work toward becoming a lawyer. At the time, she says, she was very involved in the feminist movement and equal rights, and that gave her the boost she needed.

"I probably had more courage than I should have had, because of the feminist movement," she says. After graduating, she began practicing law with her husband, who passed away four years ago. She says she loves the profession, appreciates being able to help others, and thinks that women have much to offer.

"I think women bring a different perspective to the bench, and I think it's been important for women to serve," says O'Briant, a board-certified family law specialist who often deals with family law issues.

ALUMNI OF WAKE FOREST SCHOOL OF LAW are not strangers to the leadership positions within North Carolina's legal profession.

In late 1998, for example, Wake Forest-trained lawyers held both the top post in The North Carolina State Bar, to which all practicing lawyers in the state belong, and in the North Carolina Bar Association, a voluntary organization with about 11,000 members.

"I guess the cream just rises to the top," says Larry B. Sitton ('61, JD '64), the president of the bar association. His term, which runs from June 1998 until June 1999, overlapped for several months with the term of his friend and former classmate at Wake Forest School of Law, William O. "Bill" King (JD '64), who was the president of the state bar from October 1997 to October 1998.

Sitton, a commercial litigator with Smith, Helms, Mulliss & Moore, LLP, in Greensboro, says that having Wake alumni in such positions helps the profession and the school. It gives the school a certain visibility.

Rhoda Bryan Billings (JD, '66), a professor of law at Wake Forest and a former president of the bar association, agrees, saying it's important for both faculty and alumni to be active in professional organizations. "If lawyers perceive a school as too isolated, too ivory tower, too removed ... they see it as less relevant," she says.

Wake Forest, for a long period in the middle of the 20th century, trained many of the law practitioners in the state. Many of the students came from North Carolina, and they stayed in North Carolina after school. They were strongly encouraged to be active in North Carolina's legal organizations, and they did so, she says.

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Greason



Carlson



Williams



Palmiter

Murray C. Greason Jr.

('59, JD '62), former chairman of the board of directors of United Way of Forsyth County

Murray Greason credits his parents for planting the seeds of civic responsibility in him, but he says those seeds also were nurtured during law school at Wake Forest.

"My parents were both very generous people," he says. "They didn't have a lot of money, but they were very much involved with Wake Forest and Wake Forest students, and I just grew up watching them."

But he also noticed in law school how professors, especially Dean Weathers, expected that members of the bar would be involved in civic leadership because of the relative honor that society affords lawyers. It also is professionally productive to be active and known by other community leaders, Greason adds, but that is a minor motivation.

"In comparison to almost any profession, the legal profession can hold its head high in terms of the charitable, civic work it does," he says, noting that lawyers have been involved in leadership roles throughout the history of the United States. "Despite all of the lawyer jokes of the last five or eight years, lawyers have always been out there, carrying the ball."

Greason, a partner with Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge and Rice, PLLC, also helps others carry the ball at Wake Forest University, where he serves as the vice chairman of the Board of Trustees and chairman of the law school's Board of Visitors. He is the president of the Winston-Salem Downtown Rotary Club, and has been active in his church, the Northwest North Carolina Chapter of American Red Cross, and a host of other organizations.

"The kind of organized, clear-thinking approach to a problem that you need to have as a lawyer has served me well on those boards," he says. The local Red Cross chapter, for example, has different types of volunteers. Some are trained in medical and humanitarian assistance, while others are management volunteers like Greason who makes sure the organization has a strategic plan and certain policies in place. Those "management volunteers" must analyze the facts, look at the choices, arrive at a consensus, and implement the plan.

All of that, Greason says, is similar to what lawyers do daily.

Kenneth P. Carlson Jr.

(JD '90) past chairman of the board of Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County

Since the early 1990s, Ken Carlson has put his experience in public affairs, journalism, and law to work for the local Habitat for Humanity chapter, primarily helping the organization create and implement strategic plans.

He began serving on the organization's board of directors in 1991, when the chapter was a "Mom and Pop" operation occupying a small office in the basement of a former church and building a few houses a year with volunteer labor.

But by 1995, Carlson's last year on the board and the year that he served as board chairman, the organization had adopted a strategic plan that Carlson helped devise. And in 1995, they began implementing it.

A core group of volunteers, with a shared vision of what the organization could become, leased a warehouse that would move the chapter out of its basement offices and give it plenty of space. The building serves as the agency's headquarters, central storage facility, and workshop. The additional space allows the chapter to buy materials in bulk, which saves money, and offers volunteers a safe and convenient place to work at night, when it's raining, or during the week. Most of the work done at a Habitat site takes place on the weekends.

Other lawyers have assisted with real-estate transactions, such as closings. Carlson, who specializes in labor and employment law and is a partner in the firm Edwards, Ballard, Clark, Barrett & Carlson, PA, in Winston-Salem, primarily has been involved in steering the agency's growth. He also has drafted employment documents, such as an employee handbook, and has been on the committees that have searched for and hired two executive directors.

He currently is the chairman of the organization's Strategic Planning Committee, and his law training has been helpful in that regard, he says. "It helped teach me to think in a strategic way," he adds.

Carlson, who is a lecturer at the law school, also has been active in other community organizations, including the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce. In 1998, he was named its Small Business Advocate of the Year, in part for his work helping the chamber track legislative laws related to labor and employment advocacy. He was the chairman of its government affairs committee in 1996.

Communities look to lawyers for civic leadership for several reasons, Carlson notes. "It's really the approach of analysis, of fairness, of being able

to work in the system to accomplish a goal," he says. "I do think whether you're a lawyer or not, you do have an obligation to give back to the community."

James T. Williams Jr.

('62, JD '66), former member of the Greensboro City Board of Education

With an undergraduate degree in history and a teaching certification in hand, Jim Williams went to law school. But his community involvement long has been in education, including four years on the Greensboro City Board of Education.

He was on the board from 1984-1988, but he also has chaired a search committee for a new superintendent, has represented the school board in a lawsuit others filed to stop a merger of three districts, and helped write the legislation that merged three school districts into one in 1993. He also has served on education study commissions, recently completing a term on the N.C. Education Standards and Accountability Commission, which recommended to state legislators certain graduation standards for public-school students graduating in 2000 or later.

"It was and is my avocation," he says.

Until he moved to Greensboro in 1966, just a few months after graduating from Wake Forest School of Law, Williams had not been involved in the community. "The environment that existed in the law school encouraged community involvement," he says, noting that the small faculty expected students to become involved wherever they chose to settle after graduation.

Williams, a partner with Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLP, in Greensboro, practices business trial law. He also has run political campaigns and served on the mental health board and the board of the county home for the aging. But his main emphasis and community involvement, by far, has been in education.

"I was and am just a strong believer in public education," he says.

Wake Forest School of Law alumni who have been president of the N.C. Bar Association in the past decade:

Lorry B. Sitton ('61, JD '64) of

Greensboro, 1998-99

James Donald Cowan Jr. ('65, JD '68) of

Greensboro, 1992-93

Rhoda Bryan Billings (JD '66) of

Winston-Salem, 1991-92

George B. Most ('58, JD '60) of

Smithfield, 1990-91

Alan R. Palmiter

professor of law at Wake Forest and former president of the board of the Montessori School of Winston-Salem

The metamorphosis of the Montessori School of Winston-Salem, from classrooms in a church basement to a new, large, and freestanding building, occurred under the watch of Alan Palmiter.

As president of the school board for about five years in the late 1980s and early 1990s, he helped put together bank proposals, dealt with personnel issues, and met with architects. And now, even though he isn't on the board and his children have graduated from the preschool, he still works as a behind-the-scenes adviser.

Palmiter, who has taught at Wake Forest School of Law since 1986, says that the experience has been interesting and gratifying, both personally and professionally. Since he teaches mostly classes in business law, including the occasional course on non-profit organizations, his work with the Montessori school often fed the work he was doing as a teacher and scholar. He believes it is vital for law professors, like other law alumni, to stay involved in community affairs, and he says he is impressed by the involvement of his colleagues at Wake Forest School of Law and sees indications that today's law students will be tomorrow's community leaders, as well.

When he was a law student at the University of Michigan about 20 years ago, students were oriented to public service, he says, and many of them viewed law as an important instrument of social change.

"In this law school, I think we as teachers, products of mostly the '60s and '70s, talk about this more openly, and our students come from a more introspective generation," Palmiter says. "Despite that, students in general have a more public-service orientation than I recall in my law class." ☞

Wake Forest School of Law alumni who have been president of the N.C. State Bar in the past decade:

William O. King (JD '64) of Durham, 1997-98

Charles M. DAVIS (JD '61) of Louisburg, 1994-95

Robert J. Robinson ('58, JD '60) of Asheville, 1993-94

John H. Vernon III ('64, JD '67) of Burlington, 1991-92

Emil F. "Jim" Krott ('58, JD '61) of Charlotte, 1989-90

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That emphasis is not as great today, she believes, in part because Wake Forest has become more regional, and students are less likely to be native North Carolinians or to stay in North Carolina upon graduating. But the emphasis on lawyers giving back to their communities, no matter where they might be, still is prevalent at Wake Forest, she says.

"I think the attitude at Wake Forest is still that lawyers owe a lot of service to their community, state and nation, and that lawyers benefit from providing that type of service," Billings says.

King, the past president of the state bar, says he knows of no firm statistics, but that Wake Forest School of Law, given its size, probably has a disproportionate number of alumni in leadership positions within the profession. "Maybe we just don't know how to say, 'no,'" he says.

King, who also is a former president of the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers, says he is motivated to be involved because he sees great things happening in the legal profession and wants to be part of it. "I actually enjoy lawyers," he says. "I like being around lawyers, and I have a huge amount of respect for the profession."

He has spearheaded a statewide effort to focus on professionalism, because the subject comes up at every meeting of lawyers that he attends, he says. Just this spring, his efforts resulted in the establishment of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, which brings lawyers from every segment of the profession together under one umbrella to discuss and address the issue.

"I get very defensive when it comes to professionalism," says King, a partner in King, Walker, Lombe & Croftree, PLLC, in Durham, "because I don't think the public truly understands what lawyers mean to society."

ALUMNI NOTES

1961

W. RICHARD GENTRY was elected president of the Pennsylvania Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL), a statewide agency within the Pennsylvania Bar Association that provides training to local bar association leaders. A partner in the West Chester, PA, firm of Buckley, Nagle, Gentry, Brion, McGuire & Morris, he was president of the West Chester County Bar Association in 1992 and has served on the executive committee of the CCBL and in the PBA House of Delegates since 1993.

1963

WARREN R. MCGRAW was elected to the West Virginia Supreme Court. He took the oath of office on December 5, 1998, in front of over 600 supporters and well-wishers. He previously has held several elected positions in West Virginia, including president of the West Virginia Senate, the states second-highest government position. He is also the subject of a documentary which has aired on PBS stations and other venues.

1964

ROBERT L. HARRIS has joined Access Family Mediation, which provides mediation and arbitration services throughout Virginia for divorce, support, and custody disputes. He is the retired chief judge of the City of Richmond Circuit Court.

LARRY B. SITTON (BA '61) was elected a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, an honorary organization of practicing attorneys, judges, and law teachers whose careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession. He is the current president of the North Carolina Bar Association.

ROBERT V. SUGGS (BS '59) has reopened the firm of Robert V. Suggs, PA, in Greensboro, NC. The firm specializes in personal injury, civil litigation, bankruptcy, estate planning, and real estate.

1968

WES CORLE is a new grandfather. His granddaughter Christina Elise Corle was born in April.

1969

R. BRADFORD LEGGETT was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy in Washington, DC, in March 1999. The award honors and recognizes him for his professional excellence and exceptional contributions to the fields of bankruptcy and insolvency. He is a partner in the Winston-Salem firm of Allman Spry Leggett & Crumpler, PA.

1970

HARRY H. CLENDENIN III is a member of the council of the workers' compensation section of the North Carolina Bar Association. He is also an assistant baseball coach at Walter Hines Page High School in Greensboro. He and his wife, Kathy, are expecting their first grandchild in May, while their daughter, Anne, continues to make some recovery from a catastrophic injury she suffered in 1992.

1973

ROBERT F. JOHNSON (BA '70) was elected district attorney of Alamance County, NC, on November 3, 1998. He has served as an assistant district attorney in

North Carolina's Districts 2 and 15-A. He and his wife, **CATHY WALKER JOHNSON** (BS '73), have two sons, Bob (20) and Tyler (16).

1978

LEON PORTER has joined the Winston-Salem office of Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP, as a partner. He is a former chief counsel for branded apparel with the Sara Lee Corporation.

ROBERT F. SHARPE JR. has added public affairs and government relations to his responsibilities at Pepsico, Inc. in Purchase, NY, where he is senior vice president, public affairs and general counsel. He also is president of the Pepsico Foundation.

ROBERT HILL SHAW was named general counsel of Blackbaud, Inc., a leading provider of software for philanthropic and nonprofit institutions. He and his wife, Karen, reside in Charleston, SC, and own The Governor's House Inn, a National Historic Landmark.

1979

MICHAEL A.

COLLIFLOWER was elected chairman of the compliance section of the American Council of Life Insurance, the largest trade association of the life insurance industry. He is currently senior vice president of the Conseco Companies in Carmel, IN.

BONNIE KAY DONAHUE

was elected a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, an honorary organization of practicing attorneys, judges, and law teachers whose careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession. She is a member of the law firm of Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, in Winston-Salem.

DAVID B. REA has been elected president of The Shepherd Street Equity Fund, a new, no-load mutual fund managed by Salem Investment Counselors of Winston-Salem.

1980

DAN A. BOONE recently left Food Lion, Inc. after 14 years there, serving as CFO and on the Board of Directors. He is part owner of Carolina Family Restaurants, an operator of IHOPs in North and South Carolina, and serves as CFO and general counsel for the company.

KAREN RASCHKE has joined the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy as a staff attorney for the state legislative program. In

this position she monitors and analyzes state legislation concerning reproductive rights, educates state activists and policymakers, and provides assistance to activists across the nation. Previously she was with Planned Parenthood Advocates of Virginia in Richmond, VA.

1981

KEN PATTERSON (BA '78) is director of the National Town Meeting Project of the President's Council on Sustainable Development in Washington, DC. This White House assignment will end in June, when he will return to the Environmental Protection Agency where he is a manager in the superfund enforcement program.

1984

KATHY BURNETTE (BA '81) has been named to the Board of Directors of Centura Bank in Oxford, NC. She is an associate with Edmundson & Burnette, Attorneys at Law.

JOHN J. "JODY"

CARPENTER (BA '80) is a partner at Culp, Elliot & Carpenter, PLLC, in Charlotte, NC. He is a board certified specialist in estate planning and probate law and practices in the areas of estate planning, tax, real estate, and commercial transactions. He and his wife, Beth Jones Carpenter ('83), have four daughters: Carey (9), Laura (7), Emily (4), and Mary Jordan (1).

LAW BOARD OF VISITORS

New Members

Al Bell (JD '75)
New Bern, NC

Hon. Jerry Friedman (JD '68)
Norfolk, VA

Gene Boyce (BA '54, JD '56)
Raleigh, NC

Hon. Major Harding (BA '57,
JD '59) Tallahassee, FL

LAW ALUMNI COUNCIL

New Officers

R. Michael Wells (JD '74)
1999-2000 President
Winston-Salem, NC

Vickie Cheek Dorsey (JD '78)
1999-2000 President-Elect
Atlanta, GA

New Members

Marcie Armstrong (JD '83)
Smithfield, NC

Gene Rash (JD '95)
Charlotte, NC

Cliff Britt (BA '82, JD/MBA '86)
Winston-Salem, NC

Joel Rhine (JD '88)
Wilmington, NC

Jim Cross (BA '70, JD '73)
Oxford, NC

Jim Slate (JD '67)
Richmond, VA

Charles Douglas (JD '85)
Winston-Salem, NC

Diana Puknys (JD '98)
Greensboro, NC

Clarence Kirk (BA '53, JD '57)
Wendel, NC

Sara Kay Wheeler (JD '92)
Atlanta, GA

WAYNE JOHNSON has been appointed as the director of guaranty agency services at the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority in Research Triangle Park.

first comprehensive legal treatise to discuss and analyze employment law in North Carolina. He is a shareholder in the management labor and employment law firm of Edwards, Ballard, Clark, Barrett and Carlson, PA, in Winston-Salem.

1985

C. DANIEL BARRETT (BA '81) is the author of North Carolina Employment Law, the

CHARLES T. DOUGLAS was awarded the Northwood University Automotive

GIVING BRIEFS

Law Fund shoots for \$500,000

For the first time in law school history, the 1998-99 Law Fund goal is \$500,000. As of June 4, \$389,000 had been raised towards that goal. All funds raised over \$300,000 go directly to fund student scholarships. Thanks to everyone who supported the Law Fund this year.

Spring Telethon

The spring telethon campaign was very successful, exceeding its \$20,000 goal with over \$26,000 in pledges.

3L Class Campaign

The first annual 3L Class Campaign was held this spring. Led by Sabra Englebrecht (JD '99), the campaign raised over \$9,000 in pledges for the Loan Forgiveness Fund and the Law Fund. Thanks to the 3L Class Committee members for their dedication and hard work.

Loan Forgiveness

In addition to the 3L Class Campaign, volunteers from the Public Interest Law Organization (PILO) raised over \$2,000 in pledges to support the establishment of a supplemental loan forgiveness fund for graduates entering public interest law. Also, faculty members pledged in excess of \$5,000 to the Loan Forgiveness Fund.

Firm Rep Program

The sixth annual 1999 Firm Representative Program kicked off this spring. Over 75 firms with four or more Wake Forest law graduates were invited to participate in the program. The program recognizes firms with 100 percent participation in the Law Fund. Successful firms will be recognized at the Partners' Banquet at Law Homecoming, October 29 and 30.

Aftermarket Education Award in December 1998. The award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to education inside and outside the industry. He received the award for his work on the board of directors of Old Salem, Inc., and Amos Cottage, Inc. He is vice president of sales and marketing at Douglas Battery Manufacturing Company.

E. PARKER HERRING has organized the new Raleigh, NC, law firm of Herring, McBennett, Mills, Green & Flexner, PLLC. The firm offers complete family law services as well as residential real estate, wills and estates, personal injury, and general civil litigation. She is a board certified specialist in family law.

BOBBY D. MILLS has joined the new Raleigh, NC, law firm of Herring, McBennett, Mills, Green & Flexner, PLLC. The firm offers complete family law services as well as residential real estate, wills and estates, personal injury, and general civil litigation. He is a board certified specialist in family law and a member of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys.

1986

J. NICHOLAS ELLIS recently was recognized by the Eastern Carolina Legal Services for his pro bono legal work and other community service. An attorney with the firm of Poyner & Spruill, LLP, he has served as chairman of Habitat for Humanity and the YMCA, and president of the Nash-Edgecombe County, NC, Bar Association.

BYNUM E. TUDOR III (JD/MBA) has been selected as one of the premier employee benefit attorneys for the 1999 edition of Best Lawyers in America. He is with the Nashville, TN, firm of Tudor and Lindsey, PC, which previously was named Floyd and Tudor, PC.

1987

RONALD L. HICKS has been elected to the management committee of the Pittsburgh, PA, law firm Meyer, Unkovic & Scott, LLP. He also was recently awarded a "BV" rating by the legal rating firm of Martindale-Hubbell. He received a "B" rating of "High to Very High" in legal ability and a "V" rating of "Very High" in general ethical standings.

LEE W. GAVIN (BA '85) was elected District Court judge in November 1998 for North Carolina's Judicial District 19B, encompassing Randolph, Montgomery, and Moore Counties. He resides in Asheboro, NC, with his wife, ROBERTA WOOD GAVIN (JD '88), and their two sons, John and Andrew.

1989

DAIN DULANEY is general counsel for Alydaor Software Corp. in Charlotte, NC. His wife, KIM GREENE DULANEY (JD '89), has obtained her certified financial planner license. The couple has one son, Joseph Daingerfield Dulaney III (2).

DEAN W. HOLLANDSWORTH is a staff attorney for the New Hanover

County, NC, Department of Social Services. Previously he held that same position for the Randolph County, NC, Department of Social Services. He was recently elected secretary of the North Carolina Association of Social Services Attorneys and is in his fifth year of service as Judge Advocate of the North Carolina District East Civitans. He resides in Wilmington, NC, with his wife, Barbara, and sons, Trent and Seth.

KEITH P. SPILLER recently was named a partner in the law firm of Thompson Hine & Flory, LLP. He is located in Cincinnati, OH, where his practice concentrates on labor and employment law.

1990

JACQUELINE TONEY-STANLEY is the author of *Reading to Heal: How to Use Bibliotherapy to Improve Your Life*, published by Element Books. She regularly speaks to groups on the healing power of reading. She also publishes articles and Web sites, one of which can be reached at www.readtoheal.com.

1991

RICK BRADLEY is a partner in the Atlanta, GA, firm of Whiteman, Smith & Hamilton. He practices in the areas of insurance defense, liability, and workers' compensation.

W. MARK CONGER (JD/MBA) has been named a partner in the Winston-Salem office of Kilpatrick Stockton. His practice is concentrated in commercial and family law litigation.

JOHN THEODORE GILBERTSON is a senior associate with Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal and has transferred from their Los Angeles, CA, office to Washington, DC, where he attends Georgetown University Law Center's LL.M. program in taxation.

SCOTT A. MCLAREN is a partner in the appellate practice group in the firm of Alston & Bird.

SCOTT FITZGERALD WYATT has become a partner in the firm of Wyatt Early Harris & Wheeler, LLP.

1992

BRANDON G. BORDEAUX has joined the Charlotte, NC, office of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein, LLP. He is an associate in the firm's real estate practice group.

RENÉ CALDWELL GILBERTSON (BA '89) recently left the Office of the County Counsel-Los Angeles County and plans to resume her position as deputy county counsel at the conclusion of her husband's, JOHN GILBERTSON (JD '91), program in taxation at Georgetown University Law Center. The couple has three children: Taylor (3), Stanton (2), and Robert (4 mo.).

ELIZABETH A.B. MCMORROW recently joined the Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta, GA, as Middle East and Far East counsel. Previously she was international trade associate with Dewey Ballantine's Washington, DC, office. She also recently spent several months

traveling in Asia, Central America, and the United States.

1993

LISA SCHWEITZER HARMAN became a partner in August 1998 at the law firm of Trimpi & Nash in Elizabeth City, NC, where she has practiced since 1993. She is also the Albemarle Child Support Enforcement attorney for four counties; an attorney advocate for the guardian ad litem program in three counties; an adjunct faculty member at the College of the Albemarle; and a member of the paralegal advisory committee for the College of the Albemarle. She and her husband, Paul R. Harman, have one child, Hunter Knowlton Harman.

1995

MICHAEL J. TURTON has joined the intellectual property group of Kilpatrick Stockton LLP as an associate.

1996

JAMES H. BENSON is director of legal affairs for Powertel, Inc., a provider of personal digital communications services throughout the Southeast.

1997

CPT. MARK DUBOSE (JD/MBA) has moved from Korea to Bavaria, Germany, where he does criminal defense work for the United States Army.

J. TOM WATSON has joined the firm of Davis, Matthews &

Quigley, PC, in Atlanta, GA. He is an associate in the firm's corporate and transactional practice group.

1998

GEORGE T. BRADY (BS '94) has joined the Charlotte, NC, office of Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein, LLP. He is an associate in the firm's corporate mergers and acquisition practice group.

JEAN SUTTON MARTIN has joined the law firm of Blanco Tackaberry Combs & Matamoros, PA.

LORI S. MELTON has joined the labor, employment, and immigration practice group in the Winston-Salem office of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice.

JOHN COTTON RICHMOND has joined the Roanoke, VA, law firm of Woods, Rogers & Hazlegrove.

ERIN WILLIAMS is currently working for the firm of Peebles and Schramm in Winston-Salem.

MARRIAGES

BYNUM E. TUDOR III (JD/MBA '86) and Beverly Hemphill. 9/29/98

REGINA ROBINSON (JD '93) and James Davis Gillespie. 7/11/98

WINSTON LLOYD (JD '95) and LESLEY K. VAUCLAIN (MBA '98). 9/12/98

LAW HOMECOMING WEEKEND

October 29-30, 1999

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 1-5 p.m. Return to the Classroom
- 6:30 p.m. Partners' Banquet—
Forsyth Country Club

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 8:30 a.m. Alumni Association
General Meeting—
Magnolia Room
- TBA Football Game—
Wake Forest vs. Clemson

Hotel Information

Courtyard by Marriott University Parkway (336) 727-1277	Ramada Plaza Hotel University Parkway (336) 723-2911
Holiday Inn Select University Parkway (336) 767-9595	

To order football tickets, call 1-888-758-DEAC (3322) and ask to be included in the Law Homecoming block. Tickets are \$20 each and there is a \$4 handling fee per order. There are a limited number of tickets in the block and orders must be placed no later than October 9, 1999.

For further information, call the
Office of Law Development and Alumni Relations,
1-800-752-8568.

LAURA PASSIMENT (JD '97)
and ALAN HUNTLEY
STOKES (BS '93). 8/29/98

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

VERNON E. CARDWELL
(JD '69) and Deborah Cardwell,
Stoneville, NC: daughter, Peyton
Leigh. 6/5/99

E. PARKER HERRING (JD
'85) and Steven Lorenz, Raleigh,
NC: son, Mackenzie Scott.
5/16/98

JAMES K. PRYOR (JD '85) and
Jennifer Pryor, Randolph, NJ:
daughter, Alice Mary. 4/23/98

TERRENCE J. BOLAN (JD
'86, BA '82) and Eileen Bolan,
Allenhurst, NJ: daughter, Mary
Rose. 9/15/97

JOAL HALL BROUN (JD '86,
BA '83) and Jonathan E. Broun,
Carrboro, NC: son, Harrison Hall.
10/14/98

HOLLY UNDERWOOD
VERDE (JD '88) and Wayne
Verde, Holland, MI: twin daugh-
ters, Hunter Rachel and Ryley
Jean. 8/22/98

EMERSON THOMPSON
(JD '89, BA '86) and Ellen
Thompson, Durham, NC: twin
daughters, Camille Traynham and
Hoke Britian. 4/7/99

DONNA COLBERG KELLY
(JD '90) and Patrick Kelly,
Charleston, WV: son, Joseph
Patrick. 10/9/98

CAROL JONES VAN
BUREN (JD '91, BA '88) and
RUSS VAN BUREN (JD '86),
Charlotte, NC: son, John Paul.
2/4/99

MARY BETH JORGENSEN
JACKSON (JD '93, BS '89) and
STEVE JACKSON (JD '92),
Gaithersburg, MD: son, Jack.
7/29/98

RICHARD S. MAIRONE
(94) and Michelle Parrella
Mairone, Somers Point, NJ: son,
John Robert. 1/17/99

KATHLEEN BREEN
BATCHELOR (JD '96) and Ken
Batchelor, West Chester, PA: son,
Kevin Joseph. 1/27/99

CHARLIE D. BROWN (JD
'97, BA '92) and Crissy Brown,
Greensboro, NC: daughter,
Holland Penny. 12/15/98

OBITUARIES

ROBERT E. EFIRD (JD '29)
March 25, 1999, Winston-Salem,
NC. He worked as a lawyer in
Albemarle before moving to
Winston-Salem, where he served
33 years with the Veterans
Administration. He is survived by
his wife, Lucienne Massey Efird;
three children: Susan Efird,
Deborah Efird, and James Efird;
and one grandchild.

WILLIAM M. MCCLENNY
(JD '33) January 20, 1998,
Richmond, VA

LEON HENRY CORBETT
SR. (JD '34, BA '31) March 4,
1999, Burgaw, NC. He practiced

law in Pender County, NC, for 40 years and was past president of the Pender County Bar, the 5th Judicial District Bar, and the North Carolina State Bar. He is survived by two sons, LEON H. CORBETT JR. (BA '59, JD '61) and ROBERT H. CORBETT (BA '70, JD '73); and four grandchildren.

JAMES FOY JUSTICE
(JD '48) Charlotte, NC, October 12, 1998. He was a senior partner in the Charlotte, NC, law firm of Justice, Eve and Edwards. A native of Hendersonville, NC, he served in the Pacific theater during World War II as a member of the Signal Intelligence Corp.

ZENO HARDY ROSE
(JD '48) March 21, 1999, Ahoskie, NC. He was a navigator in the Army Air Corps during World War II. In 1948 he began practicing law with the Wilson, NC, firm of Lucas and Rand. He remained with that firm, now known as Rose, Rand, Orcutt, Cauley, Blake and Ellis, until his retirement. He is survived by two daughters, Nolie Rose and Margaret Rose; and four grandchildren.

WILLIAM W. "BILL" MELVIN (JD '51) November 27, 1998, Raleigh, NC. He was a native of Bladen County, NC, and received his undergraduate degree from Lynchburg College. During World War II, he was a gunner on B-24 Liberator Bombers, flying more than 30 missions of Germany. After practicing law briefly in Elizabethtown, NC, he became a special agent of the State Bureau of Investigation in 1954. In 1960 he joined the North

Carolina Attorney General's Office, retiring from that office in 1990 as a senior deputy attorney general. He served on various committees on uniform state laws and motor vehicle laws.

ROBERT WALTER FREEMAN (JD '69, BA '67) June 20, 1998, Lebanon, PA

HOWARD DILTS FASHBAUGH (JD '72) February 26, 1999, Chesapeake, VA

JULIA VIRGINIA JONES (JD '77) February 21, 1999, Charlotte, NC. She received an undergraduate degree from Queen's College and a master's degree in education from Appalachian State. She taught in the Durham and Chapel Hill schools before attending law school. Following law school, she was a clerk for United States District Court Judge Woodrow Wilson before joining the law firm Moore & Van Allen. She was elected a District Court judge in 1990 and served in that capacity until her retirement in 1998. She also served on the boards of Queens College, the YMCA, the YWCA, Legal Services of the Southern Piedmont, and several other organizations.

MARTIN LOUIS CROSS (JD '79) December 3, 1998, Manassas, VA

ALUMNI BRIEFS

For the third year in a row, classes observing special reunions have met on campus in the spring. Homecoming for all alumni is held in the fall.

Celebrating spring reunions this year were the classes of 1948-50, 1959, 1974, 1979, and 1989. More than 90 alumni gathered on April 30 and May 1 for the various reunion activities. Friday's events included a tour of the Worrell Professional Center, a CLE program on ethics, and individual class receptions. Saturday's events included golf, tennis, and a joint reception with alumni from all four reunion classes.

On May 24, nineteen Wake Forest Law alumni were admitted to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court in Washington, DC. After the ceremony, there was a breakfast which Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsberg attended. The alumni who participated were:

Jean Brooks (JD '91)
D.R. Bryan (JD '85)
Wade Byrd (JD '73)
Laura Leak Cavagnaro (BA '83, JD '86)
Martin Gottholm (JD '93)
Susan Gottsegen (JD '82)
Murray Greason (BA '59, JD '62)
Clay Hemric (BA '67, JD '71)
John Hooten (JD '63)
John Lee (JD '93)
John Lewis (JD '77)
Scott Lovejoy (JD '87)
Jenni Lynch (JD '88)
Kemp Michael (JD '72)
Bob Mullinax (JD '77)
Mark Poovey (BA '78, JD '80)
Bob Suggs (BA '59, JD '64)
Mark Thomas (BA '75, JD '78)
Henry Wansker (JD '78)

LAURI E. WILKS

In the fast lane

Marylaurel “Lauri” E. Wilks (JD ’93) grew up near Michigan Speedway, where her mother was a controller, and she frequently attended stock-car races with her father. While in high school and college, she spent her summers working at the track, parking cars, distributing credentials, and selling tickets.

So as a student at Wake Forest School of Law, Wilks knew for certain in what industry she wanted to practice law. And she was quite persistent about it, even offering to work for free during the summer after her second year in law school.

“I guess from an outsider’s standpoint, I was really single-minded about it,” she says with a laugh.

Wilks, a 1990 graduate of Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pa., in 1993 became the first corporate counsel hired by Charlotte Motor Speedway. Now, she is vice President, communications and general counsel of Speedway Motorsports Inc.—which formed in 1994 as the parent company of the Lowe’s Motor Speedway (formerly known as Charlotte Motor Speedway), and now owns and operates six racetracks in the United States.

Wilks, 31, says that while she was in law school, she talked to as many people in racing as she could. She wanted to learn more about the industry and the potential for jobs, and to make sure that people with decision-making ability were aware that she would have a rare combination of motor-sports knowledge and a law degree. “I really did understand how speedways work,” she says, and as the stock-car racing industry has grown exponentially in recent years, professionals have been needed to manage the day-to-day affairs. “Historically (in racing), deals have been done with a handshake,” she says. “But as it’s grown, business relationships have become more formalized.” NASCAR, the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, has its own in-house counsel, but it’s rare for individual speedways to. Wilks believes she was the first.

Near the end of Wilks’ second year in law school, she garnered an interview with NASCAR Properties, which handles intellectual property and licensing issues for the association. But they told her they did not have a budget to hire her.

“I offered to work for free,” she says, but the company ended up hiring her—and paying her—after all. “I would have worked for free,” she asserts.

As graduation neared in 1993, Wilks began approaching H.A. Humpy” Wheeler, then the president of Charlotte Motor Speedway

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and now the president of Speedway Motorsports, about a job. She admits she somewhat camped out on his doorstep until she was able to convince him that he should hire her as corporate counsel. He did, knowing that the speedway was about to undergo some major changes. After the formation of Speedway Motorsports in 1994 and the successful completion of the company’s initial public offering of stock in 1995, Wilks took on the additional responsibilities of director of investor relations.

“I love my job,” she says from her office overlooking the oval track of the Lowe’s Motor Speedway near Charlotte. “I love what I do. I don’t think a lot of people can say that.”

Wilks spends half or more of her working time serving as the company’s conduit to the financial markets, keeping track of the stock markets and the legalities regarding financial disclosure. She reviews documents and sponsorship agreements, gets involved in problem solving, and tries to help managers think analytically and understand certain laws so that they can be better prepared for situations that arise. Outside counsel handles any litigation claims and issues such as naming rights. Earlier this year, the Charlotte Motor Speedway became Lowe’s Motor Speedway. Wilks’ work on any given day could relate to securities, employment, construction, or television contracts, and she says she enjoys the diversity. And with the corporation owning six different tracks from Charlotte and Atlanta to Las Vegas and Sonoma, California, Wilks travels frequently.

She says that her gender has not affected how others have accepted her in the racing industry, which is viewed by some as a good ol’ boy network. The industry really is a meritocracy, she says. “People accept you for the hard work you’ve done in the industry,” Wilks says. “No matter who you are, what you do, where you’ve come from, you’ve got to earn your stripes.” She credits Wheeler for promoting her and her work within the circles of NASCAR.

Wilks, who has two older brothers, one older sister, and a younger sister, says she’s known since she was a teen-ager that she wanted to be a lawyer. “My family always told me I tended to be opinionated and argumentative,” she says. They planted a seed in her mind, which a ninth-grade civics teacher nurtured as he encouraged debate and expression of ideas. At Wake Forest Law School, she was a co-founder of the Sports and Entertainment Law Association,



and she and another student, Sal Balsamo (JD '93), urged administrators to start a sports-law class. It began the year after they graduated.

Active in various organizations, Wilks is a member of the North Carolina State Bar, North Carolina Bar Association, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus County bar associations, and the National Investor Relations Institute. She was a recipient of *The Business Journal of Charlotte's* 1998 Women in Business Achievement Awards and is a member—one of the youngest—of the governing consult of the N.C. State Bar.

Law School Dean Robert K. Walsh says Wilks' showed evidence of persistence and leadership in school as she lobbied for a sports-law class and led the Sports Law Association, and that her persistence and leadership continue today.

Wilks and her husband Whit (JD/MBA '93) live in Charlotte, and she says he enjoys sports but isn't a rabid racing fan. Wilks describes herself as a participant and spectator of many sports, but she says she's been reluctant to climb inside a racecar for more than a few casual laps around the track. She once rode in a pace car driven by Dale Earnhardt, and one time she registered for a racecar driving school. But when the appointed time came for her to attend the school, she declined. "I'm a big chicken," she says. Wilks says she doesn't have a particular driver or team that she favors, at least publicly. "I like to see good races," she says. "It's just an exciting sport to be part of." 📞

Ralph Peeples, our academic associate dean, is a true baseball fan. He is devoted to the game, particularly to the Cleveland Indians, a team he adopted when he was practicing law in that city. At a recent meeting of our alumni, Ralph began his report by quoting Tony LaRussa, who has managed three major league baseball teams. LaRussa was asked by a sports writer what appealed to him about major league baseball. LaRussa's response was "there's a lot that goes on out there."

Dean Peeples used this quote to make the point that in our law school there is a lot of legal education that goes on outside of the classroom. Indeed, one of my recommendations in my orientation talk to our first-year students is that if they do not take advantage of the myriad extracurricular educational opportunities during their three years of law school, they are wasting part of their tuition.

In the context of advocacy education, students can hone their skills in competitions and programs organized by the Moot Court Board, Student Trial Bar, and the Chief Justice Joseph Branch Inn of Court. The Moot Court Board organizes two internal appellate advocacy competitions, the first-year competition, now named after Professor George K. Walker, and the Judge Edwin M. Stanley competition for second- and third-year students. In addition, we field 11 teams in interscholastic competitions against other law schools held all over the nation.

At the trial level, the Student Trial Bar organizes a first-year competition, as well as the upperclass Zeliff Trial Competition. We also field three trial teams in the two most prestigious national competitions. This year, the law school was the regional host for the National Trial Competition. Twenty teams participated from Arkansas, South Carolina, Tennessee, and North Carolina. Two winners from this competition were selected to go to the finals. Both Wake Forest teams won the two positions from the Southeastern regional and went to the national championship final competition in Texas. Out of

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the over 200 teams that started in the national competition, one of the Wake Forest teams went to the final four and the other made the elite eight.

When you consider that we have a fairly small student body, graduating approximately 150 students each year, our law school provides more opportunities per student to participate in advocacy competitions than almost any other law school.

Other student organizations provide extracurricular opportunities to inculcate the values of the profession in public service, including our Public Interest Law Organization, the Teen Court, and the Domestic Violence Advocacy Center. This latter group was part of a consortium organized by Professor Suzanne Reynolds and alumnus Judge Bill Reingold, with the Forsyth County Bar Association, which won the prestigious Harrison Tweed Award for this project at the ABA meeting last summer. Student and lawyer volunteers provide representation to victims of domestic violence at the ten-day hearing held to determine whether the protective order issued against the abuser *ex parte* should become final. A student in the DVAC program noted: "It provides desperately needed services to victims of domestic violence, and it gives students the opportunity to get into a true court proceeding where they're not doing a classroom project."

Finally, judges, practicing lawyers, and law professors come to the law school for lectures or programs virtually daily. Every September for the past six years, the North Carolina Court of Appeals has heard oral arguments in real appeals in our courtroom. In past years, so have the United States Courts of Appeal for the Fourth Circuit and for the Armed Forces. In his talk to the alumni, Dean Peeples went over a typical week of outside speakers, such as ABA President Philip Anderson, visiting academics from Italy and Ireland, and speakers brought by student organizations such as the Criminal Law Roundtable, Sports and Entertainment Law Association, and Women in Law.

Most of our students do make the most of their tuition by taking advantage of these extracurricular educational opportunities. Recently, we had a student who over her three years here to my knowledge was at every law school event that I attended. In her last week, we had a prominent speaker whom I was about to introduce when I noticed she was not in the crowd. I began wondering whether she was sick when she arrived. She had come from another law school event in another room. There is indeed "a lot that goes on" here, and it greatly enhances a Wake Forest legal education. ⚖️



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